

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 763

By White

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Lee Moss upon being named the 2019 Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Business Legend of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Lee Moss, who was recently named the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce 2019 Business Legend of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Lee Moss serves as president of Franklin Synergy Bank and Franklin Financial Corp.; he previously served as chairman and chief executive officer of MidSouth Bank and worked at SunTrust Bank for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration before earning a degree from Louisiana State University's Graduate School of Banking; he also graduated from the National Commercial Lending School, Leadership Rutherford, and Leadership Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a respected businessman, Lee Moss has frequently taught various finance, business, and business ethics classes at the University of Tennessee and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) over the years; and

WHEREAS, he is the current board chairman of Ascension St. Thomas Health for Tennessee, the immediate past chairman of the Tennessee Bankers Association, and a board member of the Business Education Partnership and the Jennings Jones Foundation; and

WHEREAS, heavily involved in his community, Lee Moss has served as chairman of the board for St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, the

Discovery Center in Murfreesboro, the Rutherford County American Heart Association, the University of Tennessee Davidson County Alumni Association, the Nashville Downtown Optimist Club, the MTSU Foundation, and the MTSU School of Business; and

WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the board and campaign chairman for United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties and was the past president of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Moss was the 2018 Distinguished FIJI recipient, the Y's 2012 Humanitarian of the Year, and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce's 2006 Business Person of the Year; he was named the 2004 Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise by MTSU's School of Business; and

WHEREAS, generous of spirit, Lee Moss officiated high school basketball for over twenty-five years, including twice officiating the state tournament in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, a man of great faith, Mr. Moss is an active member of First United Methodist Church, where he has taught the Koinonia Adult Sunday School Class for over twenty-two years and serves on the administrative board; he formerly served as chair of the elders at Woodmont Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Lee Moss epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his notable accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and support of his loving wife, Susan; their children, Katherine, Chase, and Laura; and six grandchildren; he cherishes the memory of his late son, Robert; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Lee Moss for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Rutherford County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lee Moss on being named the 2019

Business Legend of the Year by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.